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MARCH 1, 2017 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Paul Kennedy Sr.	Chairman, Journeyman Gasfitter	x	
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Member, Master Gas Fitter	x	
Mr. Bahig A. Kaldas, P. E.	Member, Plumbing Engineer	x	
Ms. Sarah Badway	Consumer Member	x	
Mr. Joseph Waskiewicz	Member, Master Plumber		x
Ms. Ruth Alfasso	Member, Dept. of Public Health	x	
Mr. John Cruz	Member, LP Installer	x	
Mr. Harold Knight	Member, Journeyman Plumber	x	
Mr. Dan Kilburn	Member, Public Safety	x	

9:00 A.M. AGENDA REVIEW: By Chairman Paul Kennedy

- Emergency Egress and Cell Phone Policy

9:05 A.M.: APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- The February 22, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes as written by Mr. Joseph McNamee and seconded by Mr. Harold Knight

Unanimous

DISCUSSION(S)

D1) Grey Water Revisions

Meeting Notes: Board Attorney Charles Kilb discussed possible gray water code changes to the Board. Representative Christopher Walsh of Framingham had reached out to the Board office with regards to a previously filed bill which he was considering reintroducing. Based on meetings with the former executive director, the bill was not being refiled in favor of the Board making code changes which would make grey water systems easier to obtain. No formal action was required

D2) Updates to 527 CMR

Meeting Notes: The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations is proposing an update to 527 CMR 1.00, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code ("Fire Code"). Board Attorney Charles Kilb explained that one of the most significant amendments to this Fire Code would be new requirements for training and



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permitting of hot works projects. According to the attorney, this may have the result of superseding the City of Boston's recent proposed hot works requirements. At a recent meeting of the Building Code Coordinating Council, the BFPR committed to work with other agencies in resolving the resulting overlap in jurisdiction. Based on this, the attorney provided the Board draft language which would exempt plumbers and gas fitters from the new hot work requirements when performing plumbing and gas fitting so long as they are given hot works training as part of their plumbing/gas fitting education. The former Executive Director already started the process of including this training. By unanimous consent, the Board was in favor of the draft language being added to the Fire Code. The attorney noted that this may not address what happens to plumbers and gas fitters doing work outside the scope of the current plumbing/gas code, such as heat piping, however, those decisions may be outside the Board's jurisdiction.

VARIANCE REQUEST(S)

PV246 – TICKS AUTO REPAIR – 113 CENTEREL STREET – IPSWICH

The Petitioner, Charles Ruebell is seeking a variance to from 248 CMR, Section 10.09 to allow the overhead door to remain without requiring the installation of floor drains and a separator. The Ipswich Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

Meeting Notes: The building was built in the 1940's. There was never a floor drain with a separator.

A motion was made to approve an alternate method by Joseph McNamee and a second by John Cruz.

Result: Approved alternate method

Conditions: Petitioner to submit plan

PV247 – CAPE COD COFFEE – 48 MARKET STREET - MASHPEE

The Petitioner, Jan Aggerbeck is seeking a variance to from 248 CMR, Section 10.10 to allow the installation of one unisex rest room for staff and patrons in lieu of the required two. The Mashpee Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

Meeting Notes: This is a 725 sq. ft. building. They are looking to have 30 people including 2-3 employees. This is an existing space.

A motion was made to approve by Daniel Kilburn, seconded by Joseph McNamee

Result: Approved

Conditions:

PV249 – GROVE BOUTIQUE & NICASTRO DRIVING SCHOOL – 17 BEACH ST D&E - MANCHESTER

The Petitioner, James Brown is seeking a variance to from 248 CMR, Section 10.10 to allow the continued use of existing one unisex rest room currently for the boutique also be utilized by the new driving school students. The Manchester Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

Meeting Notes: Building is on a slab and is 441 sq. ft. The Boutique has have 1 employee and will have approx. 3 customers. The Driving school will have 5 to 10 students (licensed for 15) and 1 instructor. Bathroom will be in Boutique but will be accessible from the driving school. The bathroom will be common area.

A motion was made to approve with conditions by Joseph McNamee second by John Cruz.

Result: approved with conditions

Conditions: limit to 12 people for both business.

PV250 – RAMUSIO – 36PRINCE STREET - CAMBRIDGE

The Petitioner, Paul Hoyt is seeking a variance to from 248 CMR, Section 10.15 (10) to allow the installation of a macerating toilet system in a condominium where there is a gravity drain available. The Cambridge Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

Meeting Notes: The applicant was unable to attend the meeting, the matter will be rescheduled.

No action taken.

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PV251 – AB TRINITY REALTY, LLC – 5 CLEVELAND STREET - GLOUCESTER

The Petitioner, Robb Benjamin is seeking a variance to from 248 CMR, Section 10.10 to allow the installation of one unisex rest room for employees in lieu of the required two. The Gloucester Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

Meeting Notes: This is a new commercial space of approximately 2,400 square feet used for a landscaping business with 6 employees. There will be no office in the space. The space has 3 garage doors. Floor drains with a gas and oil separator is being installed.

A motion was made to approve by Joseph McNamee, seconded by Ruth Alfasso

Result: Approved

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

Full operation of unlisted gas equipment

DAGV171 – U.S. NEENAH TECHNICAL MATERIALS – 1080 DALTON AVENUE - PITTSFIELD

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 9:30 am, the Chairman stated the Board would need to enter into an Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21 to review applicant's character, rather than competence. The chair estimated that the Board would return to Open Session at approximately 10:00 a.m. for purposes of adjourning. Participants were asked to leave the room until their matter was called.

A motion was made to enter executive session by Mr. Cruz and seconded by Ms. Alfasso, thereafter a roll call vote was taken:

MEMBER	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	RECUSED	ABSTAINED
Mr. Kennedy	X				
Mr. McNamee	X				
Ms. Sarah Badway	X				
Mr. Waskiewiez			X		
Mr. Kaldas	X				
Ms. Alfasso	X				
Mr. Cruz	X				
Mr. Knight	X				
Mr. Dan Kilburn	X				

See separate minutes for Executive Session matters

The Board returned to open session at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Mr. Cruz, seconded by Ms. Alfasso at 10:00 am.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS USED:

1. Meeting agenda
2. Minutes from prior meeting

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3. Variance applications for above referenced agenda items

4. Draft gray water provisions

5. Draft hot works exclusion language

Respectfully Submitted By;

Frederick M. Lima, State Plumbing and Gas Inspector/Investigator.
Board of Examiners of Plumbers and Gasfitters

Respectfully Authorized by;

Paul Kennedy, Sr.,

Paul Kennedy Sr., Chairman

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